Viral video case

Woman arrested, sent on judicial remand

Dawn Report

GUJRAT: The Aroop Police Station of Gujranwala on Sunday arrested a woman involved in an 'objectionable' video showing an intimate act between her and a man.

The video had gone viral about a week back. The man in the video was also booked but he is stated to be at large.

The police identified the man, a resident of Nawan Pind, whereas the name of the married woman had not been mentioned due to legal constraints; however, her husband's identity was made who too is a resident of the same village of Gujranwala.

The case has been lodged against both the suspects under Section 376 (rape) and Section 292(d) (circulation of obscene material) of the Pakistan Penal Code on the report of a citizen, Sajjad Ahmed, of Nasir Colony, Gujranwala.

According to media reports, the police presented the woman, a mother of four, before a judicial magistrate who sent her to jail on three-day judicial remand. In her statement before the magistrate, the woman claimed that the suspect had administered to her some addictive substance before recording the video.

She also claimed that he had blackmailed her, demanding Rs1m from her. After the video had gone viral, she had left for her parents' home near Multan but returned to Nawan Pind a couple of days later where she was arrested.

A spokesman for Gujranwala police, speaking to *Dawn,* confirmed the arrest of the woman. He claimed that action had been taken after City Police Officer Dr Ghias Gul Khan took notice of the sexual video that had been viral on social media.

According to media reports, the man is already in custody of police. However, the police spokesman said a team had been constituted under the DSP Gujranwala Cantt circle to arrest the suspect and raids were being conducted for his arrest.

CM sets deadline for early completion of healthcare projects

LAHORE: Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has directed the authorities to ensure the swift completion and operationalisation of key healthcare projects across the province, setting deadlines for their inauguration.

She ordered that the Nawaz Sharif Institute of Cancer Treatment and Research and the Jinnah Institute of Cardiology in Lahore be opened within the current month. She also fixed timelines for the early completion of the Nawaz Sharif Institute of Cardiology, Sargodha, along with other ongoing hospital projects.

According to a handout, construction of the basement and ground floor of the Nawaz Sharif Institute of Cancer Treatment and Research has been completed. Essential facilities, including patient waiting areas, a mosque and residential accommodations for doctors, have also been finalised. Pakistan's first Nawaz Sharif Institute of Cancer Treatment and Research is scheduled to become operational later this month.

Recruitment of doctors and professional staff has begun, with interviews underway for 219 positions. The chief minister also approved re-advertisement of the post for the head of the institute to ensure the appointment of a highly qualified professional.

Ms Nawaz directed that renovation work at the Lady Willingdon Hospital be completed at the earliest as well.

Reaffirming her government's commitment to public healthcare, the CM said the Nawaz Sharif Institute of Cancer Treatment and Research would provide treatment to cancer patients from across Pakistan, ensuring access to quality medical care without discrimination.

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Motorcyclist dies after fall from bridge

By Our Correspondent

NAROWAL: A motorcyclist died after falling into a rainwater drain from a broken bridge in Sialkot.

Five months ago, the Hanjali Bridge connecting Sialkot and tehsil Zafarwal had collapsed due to a high-level flood in the Nullah Dek. Traffic between Zafarwal and Sialkot was suspended due to the collapse of the bridge. Because the authorities did not construct a bridge over the rainwater drain, residents of Zafarwal and surrounding areas travelled an additional 15 to 20km to reach Sialkot.

On Sunday morning, 32-year-old Muhammad Luqman, a resident of Kangra village in district Sialkot, was riding his motorcycle to Zafarwal. He fell from the broken Hanjaliwala bridge, that the locals had constructed, into the Nullah Dek due to zero visibility due to thick fog. Luqman died on the spot after falling into the drain.

On receiving information about the accident, Rescue 1122 and Phulora Police Station personnel reached the spot.

Police took the body into custody and initiated legal action.

Hundreds of people had been facing difficulties for the last five months due to the collapse of the bridge connecting the two districts of Sialkot and Narowal.

The locals demanded Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz take immediate notice and direct the authorities to construct the bridge.

Teenage girl's grave found desecrated

By Our Correspondent

BAHAWALPUR: Unidentified persons have been booked for allegedly desecrating a teenage girl's grave during the night and throwing her body in nearby fields.

As per details, Rimsha Bibi (16), daughter of Khuda Baksh Labana Gujjar, died two days ago and she was laid to rest at the Massom Shah graveyard in her native village Ramli in the Khairpur Tamewali tehsil of Bahawalpur. However, her body was dug out of the grave during the night and was left in a nearby standing crop field near the Khooh Mithawala area located some distance away from the graveyard.

The incident created panic in the area and locals condemned the incident and demanded the police to arrest those responsible for the act.

DPO Rao Abdul Wahab along with SP (Investigation) Jamshed Shah, Khairpur Tamewali DSP, Inayati Police SHO and a heavy contingent of police rushed to the scene after receiving information about the incident. The DPO ordered an inquiry into the incident and the police shifted the body to the Khairpur Tamewali THQ Hospital for postmortem.

According to reports, the deceased girl wanted to marry a boy of the same village but her parents had refused. Her parents claimed that she committed suicide because of this. However, they arranged her burial on their own the same day without informing the police.

When contacted, DPO's PRO Rao Kashif told *Dawn* that the Inayati Police had registered an FIR of the incident. He said that Khuda Baksh, the father of the deceased, said in his complaint that he along with family members went to the grave of his daughter to offer fateha. He said that they were shocked to see that her grave was dug out and her body was missing. He claimed that after searching in the nearby area, they found the body in far-off fields.

The PRO said that the crime scene unit was also called to the scene and evidence was collected by the police. He said that the DPO had formed special teams for the investigation, which would be conducted from all angles.

DOG ATTACK: A landlord's pet dog allegedly attacked and injured a woman and her two-year-old son in village 178/ WB in the limits of Garha More in Vehari district on Sunday.

According to the police, Yasmeen's two-year-old son was playing in her courtyard when her neighbour landlord Liquat Ali and Muhammad Saleem's pet dog allegedly attacked the child. When she rushed to the scene and attempted to rescue her son Bilal, she was also bitten by the dog. Resultantly, both the mother and the son suffered injuries.

SHO Garha More Police Mian Muhammad Usman rushed to the scene after receiving the information of the incident and took the injured to the Garha More RHC. Both victims were given first aid and shifted back to their home.

On Yasmeen's complaint, Garha More Police registered an FIR against the landlords. However, no arrests were confirmed till the filing of this report.

Three-day Jaun Elia festival concludes

By Our Correspondent

— Dawn

TOBA TEK SINGH: The three-day Jashan Jaun Elia Ashiqabad Festival encompassing literature, thought and love has concluded in Faisalabad on Sunday.

The festival, held at the Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan Auditorium of the Faisalabad Arts Council in memory of the great poet, philosopher and intellectual Jaun Elia, was organised by renowned poet Abbas Tabish in collaboration with the Punjab Council of Arts. Commissioner Raja Jahangir Anwar attended the opening day as the special guest. Other attendees included Asghar Nadeem Syed, Iftikhar Arif, Hammad Ghaznavi, Abbas Tabish, FDA DG Muhammad Asif Chaudhry and Faisalabad Medical University (FMU) Vice Chancellor Medical University Prof Dr Zafar Ali Chaudhry. The participants paid tribute to the uncrowned king of poetry Syed Hussain Sibt Asghar Naqvi alias Jaun Elia.

Speaking on the occasion, the commissioner said that divisional administration was committed to promoting culture in collaboration with other institutions.

Academic discussions, literary discussions and poetry recitals based on Jaun Elia's poetry, thought and intellectual heritage were organised in which thousands of literature lovers, students and poetry enthusiasts from the city and surrounding areas participated.

Renowned writer and banker Zafar Masood, Hammad Ghaznavi, Iftikhar Arif, Dr Inam-ul-Haq Javed and renowned artist Munawar Saeed, along with other prominent poets and writers, participated in the events and presented their poetry and thoughts in memory of Jaun Elia.

The speakers described Jaun Elia as a unique, bold and question-raising voice of Urdu literature and said that his poetry still shakes the mind and forces the readers to think.

Prominent journalists Sohail Warraich, Fawad Hassan Fawad and Ajmal Jami said that such literary activities not only paid tribute to great poets, but also played an important role in connecting the new generation with the tradition of Urdu literature, study and dialogue.

Shehbaz, Fazl visit Jamia Ashrafia

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif visited Jamia Ashrafia to offer condolences on the passing of former Mohtamim-e-Aala, Maulana Fazlur Raheem Ashrafi.

He expressed sympathy with the current Mohtamim-e-Aala, Maulana Qari Arshad Ubaid, and prayed for the elevation of the late scholar's ranks.

Hafiz Asad Ubaid, the late Maulana's son Zubair Hasan, and Nazim-e-Aala Qari Maulana Owais Hasan were also present.

The prime minister offered Fateha and paid tribute to Maulana Ashrafi's lifelong services to Islam, saying his contributions would be remembered across the Muslim world.

Recalling his personal association with the seminary, the prime minister said he regularly offered Friday prayers at Jamia Ashrafia for a long period along with his father, Mian Muhammad Sharif. He praised the institution's historic role in promoting unity within the Muslim Ummah.

National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar, and Special Assistant Talha Barki accompanied the prime minister during the visit.

Separately, JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman also visited Jamia Ashrafia to condole the demise of Maulana Fazlur Raheem Ashrafi. He expressed condolences to the late scholar's son, Maulana Zubair Hasan, describing the deceased as a rare blend of knowledge and practice. "With his passing, academic circles have been left orphaned," Maulana Fazlur Rehman said, adding that he shared a long-standing bond of affection with the late scholar.

Over 40-acre state land retrieved

SARGODHA: Over 41 kanal government land worth millions, located in Chak 43 NB in the heart of city, was retrieved during a cleanup operation on Sunday.

Temporary and permanent encroachments were demolished with heavy machinery while crops were destroyed.

The Liquidation Committee of the Colonies Department of the Board of Revenue Punjab carried out a `historic' crackdown against the influential encroachment mafia and ended illegal possession for 36 years.

According to sources, this decisive action was taken on the orders of the Member Colonies and Chairperson Liquidation Committee Board of Revenue Malik Abdul Waheed.

The operation was supervised by Secretary Colonies Zaheer Abbas Jatha and Deputy Secretary General Muhammad Shafqat, while Assistant Commissioner of Sargodha and revenue field staff provided full support.

According to reports, the land was owned by the banned Commercial Cooperative Development Corporation /Government of Punjab, which was illegally occupied by some influential people. As soon as the information was received, a special team was sent from Lahore which reached Sargodha early in the morning and after a day-long operation, the land possession was handed over to government.—**Correspondent**

116 'criminals' arrested from Sialkot airport during 2025

By Waseem Ashraf Butt

GUJRAT: As many as 116 suspects allegedly involved in heinous crimes were arrested at the Sialkot International Airport either while trying to flee the country or on arrival during the year 2025, *Dawn* has learnt.

The arrested suspects included 43 who were trying to flee the country and 73 were arrested on arrival as their names were part of the stop list.

A FIA Gujranwala Zone spokesperson said that out of those arrested, 24 were wanted by the Punjab Police while 28 were wanted by the FIA anti-human trafficking cell (AHTC). He said the arrested suspects included five British nationals of Pakistani origin.

He said that they allegedly attempted to flee Pakistan a few hours after murdering four of their close relatives in Jhelum on February 14, 2025. He said that two murder suspects were also among the arrested who tried to flee after allegedly committing murder in various parts of Gujrat district during 2025.

Moreover, he said that around 44 passengers were stopped from travelling on fake visas or documents and 83 were stopped on suspicion of trying to illegally immigrate to Europe. He claimed that potential illegal immigrants had been identified during the scrutiny of their travel documents.

He claimed that such travellers first go to some African or other countries and from there, they go to Libya and proceed via boats or ships to European destinations.

He said that another 18 passengers were arrested upon arrival for using fake visas, fake stamps and tampered passports at the Sialkot airport during the year.

However, the FIA Gujranwala Zone did not share the details of overall offloaded passengers at the Sialkot airport during that year. Hundreds of passengers were reportedly offloaded in 2025 despite having valid travel documents.

A senior FIA official told *Dawn* that strict enforcement of passenger profiling and offloading had paid dividends as complaints of Pakistanis involved in begging in Middle Eastern countries had declined considerably.

He said that except the tragic Mauritania-Morocco boat tragedy in which immigrants from Gujranwala and Gujrat regions were killed in January 2025, no other boat capsizing incident involving the people of this region had been reported.

Entrepreneurship expo held at GCUF

By Our Correspondent

TOBA TEK SINGH: The Government College University Faisalabad (GCUF) organised the Entrepreneurship Expo on Sunday aimed at promoting skill development and entrepreneurial mindset among students.

Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Rauf-i-Azam chaired the event while MNA Muhammad Riaz Fityana, MPA Muhammad Saqib Khan attended as chief guests and Kinnaird College Lahore Department of Chemistry Chairperson Rubina Munir was the guest of honour.

Students of associate degree programmes showcased various business ideas and skill-based initiatives through dedicated stalls.

Dr Rauf emphasised the importance of skills and entrepreneurship for Pakistan's economic growth, while Mr Saqib highlighted the government's policies supporting youth entrepreneurship. Dr Shahzad Ali Shahid and Dr Mohsin Bashir underlined the role of universities in equipping youth with market-oriented skills and future business opportunities.

CRACKDOWN: Faisalabad RPO Sohail Sukhera has said that police have arrested proclaimed offenders wanted in 38 murder cases, 27 in attempted murder cases and traced nine other serious criminal cases across the region during a crackdown against individuals involved in heinous crimes.

In a press release on Sunday, Mr Sukhera said that police teams were carrying out coordinated actions using advanced technology, intelligence inputs, and a comprehensive operational strategy to apprehend criminals attempting to evade arrest.

SUSPENDED: A primary school teacher has been suspended on Sunday by the Toba District Education Officer (DEO) elementary for posting 'subversive' material against national institutions on his social media account.

The action has been taken under the Peeda Act 2006, in which DEO also charged the teacher with inefficiency and misconduct.

Woman slain in Okara

OKARA: A man along with his two sons allegedly killed his second wife in Haveli Lakkha on Sunday.

As per first information report, accused Anwar wanted Rehana abandon her two minor daughters from her previous marriage. He along with his two sons Farhan and Shahzad killed Rehana with repeated club blows and fled the scene. **—Correspondent**

Sargodha Bar

SARGODHA: Rameez Sultan Farooqa was elected president while Khawar Javed Cheema was elected general secretary of the District Bar Association, Sargodha. **—Correspondent**

Four arrested for brandishing illegal arms

By Our Correspondent

SAHIWAL: The police arrested four young men, including the office-bearer of a political party, for public display of illegal weapons on roads and in bazaars during the past 24 hours.

Ghala Mandi Police apprehended Shahbaz Ali Minhas of the PML-N from Eastern Bypass for exhibiting a 12-bore double-barrel gun, a 32-bore revolver and bullets in public.

Imtiaz Ali Shaikh was taken into custody from Chak 87/9-L for brandishing an illegal 32-bore pistol and threatening his neighbours with it while Muhammad Usman was arrested by City Police for possessing an illegal pump-action gun, displaying it with bullets, and firing shots into the air.

In a similar case, Muhammad Saleem was arrested by Fateh Sher Police for carrying a 30-bore pistol and openly displaying it with bullets. All four accused were booked under Section 13A(2) and 11-B of the Arms Ordinance.

In another incident, the Crime Control Department (CCD) arrested a notorious robber, Muhammad Bilal , from Chak 76/5-R on a tip-off. He was reportedly involved in more than a dozen robberies, including a major robbery committed on Nov 14, 2025, in Sahiwal City, for which City Police had already registered a case against him.

ELECTION: Muhammad Saeed Ahmed Saghla, twice elected as district bar president, won the election, once again, by securing 585 votes while his opponents, Rao Muhammad Akran and Muhammad Saleem Koudan, received 561 and 321 votes, respectively.

The results of the District Bar Association, Sahiwal were announced late at night.

In the same contest, Zafar Iqbal, Mian Tariq Kamyana, and Shoaib Khalid Khokhar were elected as vice president, general secretary, and joint secretary by securing 997, 823, and 876 votes, respectively, whereas their rivals, Mahar Ahmed Sial, Mian Zeeshan, and Muhammad Farooq Khan, obtained 461, 643, and 587 votes, respectively.

KITE SELLERS HELD: Ghala Mandi police claimed to have arrested four kite sellers, recovering1,500 kites from their possession during the past 24 hours.

According to the police, 1,100 kites were seized from a shop owned by one Naveed in Sarki Bazaar, while 120, 150, and 160 kites were recovered from shops on Pir Bokhrai Road, near the old railway crossing and Shadab Town areas belonging to suspects Sharif, Allah Rakha andNaeem, respectively.

District Police Officer Usman Tipu told *Dawn* that all the suspects were booked under various sections of the Kite Flying Act.